

April 26, 1961

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Dear Hugh:

Re. the position paper on man's role: we missed the boat. I regret that the point on how man is in space now was not included in LVB's letter of March 31, 1961, and more that the administration did not promulgate it. Since Gagarin, it would sound like sour grapes. In retrospect, our fuss about man-in-space looks like a setup to dramatize the Russian's accomplishing it. The best we can do now is to stress the try view of scientific exploration.

Chapter 1 of Science in Space is excellent, and I liked pages 18-21 better than the new statement.

On the whole, I think you can feel rather pleased with yourself on S.I.S. As intended, it should set the pace for a long time, as we hope. How many copies are you sending to the Russians?

Is there any arrangement for a discount price on S.I.S. for authors? I would like to order some few copies for the education of some of my friends.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. How was Florence? Did I do wrong not to go?

Does Florkin's letter have any material backing from the Russians?